

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A vehicle navigation system (e.g., GPS) with multi-use display generator that provides for the switching of a displayed image from a navigational based image to a non-navigational image such as a favorite photo. This versatility allows for the user of a vehicle navigation to avoid having to look at a boring display of map images and instead view more desirable non-navigation images such as full 100% displays of a favorite photo shot. Also if the system is in a map image mode and the user does not utilize any portion of the vehicle navigation system for a predetermined period of time an automated switchover system is provided to cause a predetermined or randomly chosen favorite photo to appear on the display. An addition option of the system is to provide an automatic switchover to the favorite display mode whenever a determination is made by the system that it will not be needed for a long period such as when the user is on a long country road or when the destination is inputted and there are no options that will arise for an extended period. Various display modes are also featured that enable greater non-navigation display mode options and activation choices.